

**Remarks**

The applicant has carefully considered the Office action dated February 8, 2007, in which claims 1-6 and 8-11 were rejected and claims 22-26 were allowed.

By way of this amendment, rejected claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been canceled without prejudice to their further prosecution. No comments are made with respect to the merits or propriety of the rejections of such claims.

Claims 22-26, which were allowed, are the only claims remaining the case and, therefore, the case is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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